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Selectmen Minutes 05-23-2001

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 23, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Lyons - Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Dias, Mr. Hurd
Also Present: Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

7:00 p.m.

DOG HEARING

Alfred E. Wilder, 112 Fairmont St., Owner of "Charlie"

Town Counsel reviewed the events since the Board last considered this matter on February 26, 2001. He explained the procedure for the meeting and indicated that Mr. Wilder's attorney, Deborah Slater-Wise, would be cross-examining witnesses.

Selectman Mahon, a notary public and court reporter, swore in all those about to testify.

Larry Klaes, 95 Fairmont Street read a copy of his notarized testimony that had been submitted to the Board for their consideration. He outlined in detail how the dog known as "Charlie" had caused a hardship for he and his family including the fact that the dog had killed their pet cat "Buddy". Attorney Slater-Wise cross-examined Mr. Klaes.

Mr. Hurd arrived at the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Lyons requested that the dog officer present make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Catanzano reported that, after investigation and speaking with the neighbors, in his opinion the dog is a threat to the neighborhood.

Lorena Klaes, 95 Fairmont Street explained that she was present the night her cat was reported dead and reviewed other encounters with "Charlie". Attorney Slater-Wise cross-examined Mrs. Klaes.

Eric Gaalaas, 96 Fairmont Street described an incident involving his neighbor Lisa, where the dog was unleashed, ran into her backyard and blocked her path. The police were called. Attorney Slater-Wise cross-examined Mr. Gaalaas.

Ann Rameior, 94 Fairmont Street explained that the dog is constantly in her yard. She went on to explain other experiences. She explained that her daughter could not be present that evening because she is away in Connecticut. Attorney Slater-Wise cross-examined Mrs. Rameior.

Tom Holmes, 53 LaFayette Street, gave an account of his experiences with Charlie. He explained that last summer Charlie attacked his dog Molly while his wife had taken their dog out for a walk. The Wilder's paid for the veterinary

bill of the attack. He also recounted an experience from the past weekend where he and his wife witnessed Mr. Wilder's daughter out with Charlie. He explained that Charlie and a dog on LaFayette Street that is kept in a kennel cage were barking and growling at one another. When Mr. Wilder's daughter recognized the couple she quickly walked Charlie away from the other dog. Attorney Slater-Wise cross examined Mr. Holmes.

Jim Shine of 42 Fairmont Street reported that he had encountered Charlie on two occasions and had no problem with the dog. Angela Martz, 42 Fairmont Street reported the same.

Mr. Maher asked that the matter be continued to Wednesday the 20th of June.

Mrs. Mahon moved to continue the matter to June 20th at 7:00 p.m. (4-0) SO VOTED

A true record.

Attest:

Caryn E. Cove
Board Administrator